

Meeting Minutes

Mental Health Planning Council of Virginia
April 18, 2007 **TIME: 10:00a.m.**
PLACE: Henrico CSB

Introductions and Announcements

Jack Wood, President, welcomed all and began the meeting with a moment of silence in recognition of the tragedy at Virginia Tech. Council members then introduced themselves and gave a brief overview of their affiliations and made brief announcements

* In July, SA services will be covered by Medicaid.

Mary Kay Johnston (DRS) announced that there will be lower federal funding starting on April 1 and an "order of selection" protocol will be established. Thus, increased state funding will be needed. Jack suggested that the MHPC write a letter of support for increased state funding.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Adult Services Committee (ACS)

Minutes from the most recent ACS were distributed.

Highlight: The ACS recommended that the MHPC establish a Transportation Committee.

Motion suggested, seconded, and carried.

Children Services Committee:

No report

Other items:

- Chris Owens and Paula Price attended a conference about Individual Development Accounts (IDA's) and gave a presentation. They suggested that Virginia fund a pilot study on establishing IDA's for consumers.
- Marion Greenfield presented information about grant funding received by the state designed to address use of restraints in facilities and asked the MHPC for strategies on using this funding.
- Jack led a discussion for suggestions on how to use BG, carry-over funds. Jack will compile the list and distribute.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. Next Meeting: June 20, 2007 at Henrico CSB